

# Fresh Market Vegetables

Virginia fresh market vegetable producers harvested 18,200 acres of crops, valued at more than 59 million dollars in 2002. This compares to 20,740 acres and 63 million dollars in 2001. The decrease in value of production for vegetable crops was due to a decrease in yields for snap beans, sweet corn, and cumpers; combined with a lower price for snap beans and sweet corn. It was a hard year for many vegetable growers in Virginia. Those who were unable to irrigate suffered from the drought conditions that persisted throughout the growing season.

The value of major vegetables grown for processing in Virginia totaled more than 1 million dollars, down 34 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of processing vegetables was down 19 percent from the previous year.

## SELECTED VEGETABLES AND STRAWBERRIES FOR FRESH MARKET, 2002

	Planted - acres -	Harvested - acres -	Yield - cwt -	Production - 000 cwt -	Dollars - Per Cwt. -	Total - 000 dols. -
Tomatoes	3,900	3,800	400	1,520	27.00	41,040
Cabbage	1,700	1,400	380	532	10.00	5,320
Cucumbers	4,300	3,500	90	315	16.00	5,040
Snap Beans	5,600	5,000	38	190	23.00	4,370
Sweet Corn	3,400	2,900	36	104	23.00	2,392
Watermelon	1,800	1,600	180	288	6.00	1,728
Bell Peppers 1/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cantaloupe 1/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lima Beans 1/	---	---	---	---	---	---
Strawberries 1/	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>18,200</b>		<b>2,949</b>		<b>59,890</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Discontinued in 2002.

## TOTAL VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Planted - acres -	Harvested - acres -	Production - tons -	Total Value - \$000 -
1,600	1,600	4,570	1,097

<sup>1/</sup> Includes snap beans, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes.

